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Ms. Tanowa M. Troupe, Secretary
Ohio Power Siting Board, Docketing Division
180 East Broad Street, 11th Floor
Columbus, Ohio 43215

Re: In the Matter of the Application of Duke Energy Ohio, Inc., for the Bethel-Batavia Pipeline
PUCO Case No. 20-1411-GA-BTX

Dear Ms. Troupe:

Duke Energy Ohio, Inc. (Duke Energy Ohio or Company), is filing this pre-application notification letter, pursuant to the requirement set forth in Ohio Administrative Code Rule 4906-3-03(A), with regard to the Company's proposal to construct a 12-inch natural gas pipeline having a length of 13 to 15 miles, running from the Bethel area to the Batavia area. It is anticipated that the application for a certificate of environmental compatibility and public need will be filed with the Ohio Power Siting Board (Board) during December 2020.

The project is being planned in order to support the growth of demand for natural gas in the eastern portion of our Ohio service area, provide available and affordable natural gas supply, and support economic development in Clermont County.

The Company is holding two virtual public information meetings for this project due to COVID-19. The Board has approved that virtual public information meetings can be held during this time. These will be held as follows:

- Open House 1: October 27, 6 – 8 p.m.
- Open House 2: October 29, 6 – 8 p.m.

To access the meeting, you must pre-register online, at www.duke-energy.com/BBPipeline. If you need assistance with registration, please call 513.287.2130. Access credentials will be emailed to registrants one week prior to the event.

If the application is approved, construction of the project could begin in early 2023 and be complete by spring 2024.

At the present time, the Company anticipates seeking a waiver of Rule 4906-5-07(B), to the extent that such provision expects that the correspondence with the Ohio historic preservation office would reflect full concurrence with a complete Phase 1 investigation.

Sincerely,

/s/ Jeanne W. Kingery

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Associate General Counsel
cc: Theresa White, Executive Director